

## PAY OFFERED FOR TESTIMONY, SAYS WITNESS

Nickerson Swears Cardiff Wanted Corroboration of Scythian Story.

MENTIONS A BIG SUM.

Then Declares on Cross-Examination that Mrs. Parker Loaned Him \$5,700.

Dr. Charles T. Parker, husband of Mrs. Susan D. Parker, who is being sued for \$7,000 by the London & Liverpool & Globe Insurance Company, went on the witness stand to-day in the United States Court, and told his version of the story of how Mrs. Parker's yacht, the Scythian, was destroyed by fire in 1900.

The company paid Mrs. Parker \$21,000 as its share of the loss, but now seeks to recover a rebate of \$7,000, charging that the expensive furnishings of the yacht were removed before she was destroyed. Capt. Cardiff, who was in command of the yacht, testified last week that he had set fire to the yacht at the request of Dr. Parker, who promised to pay him \$10,000. Several former employees of Dr. Parker swore that many of the furnishings had been removed.

Dr. Parker on the Stand.

Mrs. Parker on the witness stand yesterday denied all these charges under oath, and to-day Dr. Parker, who has lately recovered from a stroke of apoplexy, went on the stand to corroborate her evidence.

"You remember when the Scythian was destroyed?" he was asked.

"Yes."

"Q. You remember that the crew made up an inventory?" A. Yes.

Q. Did you ask Capt. Cardiff to make up a false inventory? A. No, sir.

Q. Did you request him to sign his inventory? A. I can't remember.

Q. Did you help Cardiff make up the inventory? A. No, sir.

Q. Cardiff testified that he was in consultation with you about the inventory. Is that so? A. No.

Q. He said (reading from Cardiff's testimony) that all values must be made large—inflated, doubled up—so that he might get a constructive value. Did you ever have that conversation? A. No.

Q. About Cardiff's Story.

"Did you at any time offer Capt. Cardiff money or promise him money to burn the Scythian?"

Lawyer Cardozo objected.

The question, said Mr. Cardozo, whether Dr. Parker did or did not offer to pay Cardiff to burn the vessel was not asked by me. The question is asked now so as to discredit Capt. Cardiff.

"If Cardiff's statement that Dr. Parker promised him \$10,000 to burn the yacht for the insurance is true, said Dr. MacFarland, "it has direct bearing on the issue."

"What is the issue?" Judge Wheeler asked.

"That \$7,000 was overpaid by a mistake in fact. They claim that property was removed from the boat and charged for."

Dr. Parker sat patiently waiting for a chance to say that he had not hired Cardiff to destroy the boat by fire.

He will tell the jury Judge Wheeler said, "that it matters how the boat caught on fire—whether Capt. Cardiff set it on fire or whether Dr. Parker had anything to do with it."

Not Allowed to Answer.

The following questions were asked, but Dr. Parker was not permitted to answer by word or sign. His counsel wanted to get them on record.

Q. Did you, before Capt. Cardiff went to the West Indies, tell him to burn the ship?

Q. Did you offer him \$10,000 to burn the ship?

Q. Did you make out a check on the Lincoln National Bank for \$5,000 and offer it to him as part payment to fire the Scythian?

Q. Did you have any conversation with Capt. Cardiff about the burning of the Scythian?

To each one he would answer no.

May Answer at Last.

Then Dr. Parker was permitted to answer a question.

Q. You have just had a stroke of paralysis. Have you not? A. Yes, and I cannot remember names or dates.

On cross-examination many questions were asked to which the doctor replied: "I can't remember, but I care say it."

Q. You bought an artificial leg for Capt. Cardiff for \$2,000. A. I do not know.

Q. Did you cut his pay down to \$50 a month for a year so as to make the leg cost \$200? A. No.

These were the questions to which Cardiff had testified.

Q. Did Cardiff sell the Molly C. for you? A. Yes.

Q. Did he give you the money? A. Yes.

Mrs. Parker and her friend, Miss Carroll, left the court-room almost as soon as Dr. Parker took the stand.

Q. Would Cardiff have started with that boat to Boston without an order from you or Mrs. Parker. A. I think not.

Q. Then either you or Mrs. Parker gave the order. A. I can't remember.

Recess.

Brokers Firm Mentioned.

Brokers Webb and Prall, who are accused by the Parkers of indirectly instigating the suit of the insurance company for "explosive" were brought into the case on the indirect examination of Dr. Parker.

The brokers held a half-million dollars or more for Mrs. Parker and the doctor and they are now in litigation over the money. The brokers say that Dr. Parker lost the money in speculation.

Q. Do you know one Willmore? A. Yes.

Q. Where is he? A. In Colorado Springs.

Q. He was employed by Webb & Prall? A. Yes.

Q. And under your trust? A. Yes.

The question was not allowed.

Herbert W. Nickerson, who was on the Scythian when she burned, then went on the stand.

Q. Did Capt. Cardiff send for you? A.

## WHEN THE TERRIBLE TEDDY GETS TO SOUTH AFRICA.



Brother, thy tale hangs down behind. And thy necktie is untied. As in manner blind you attempt to find. A retreat wherein to hide. For the veil ran rote in the days of yore. When here fierce old Om Paul dwelt. But the veil of old will be same, we're told. To the coming. Rousey-ye! —Song of the Bandarlog.

The Pack met at the Council Rock, when the moon shone over Africa last night. The Pack looked well shuffled, rather greasy and a teeny bit frayed at the corners. By special arrangement the Council Rock was on a road through Central Africa with the original Broadway case, playing one-night stands. The Rock looked rather rocky after its travelling experiences, but that, as already mentioned, is another story.

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